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Subject Tallassee WDC Chronological Summary

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Karen:

As requested, attached is a chronological summary of the Tallassee LF. As you may see, the old sanitary landfill began operation in the 1970's and closed in the early 1990's with the promulgation of RCRA Subtitle D. The new landfill originally received approval by the local host government in 1991, but a permit application was not submitted to ADEM until several years later.

In response to a question you asked this morning, the Tallassee WDC is located adjacent to the closed sanitary landfill.

I hope this information is useful. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Phil Davis

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**Tallassee Waste Disposal Center**  
**Permit 62-11**  
**Chronology of Permitting at the Site**

- Waste Away, Inc. Sanitary Landfill (Permit No. 62-05) began operation in mid-70.
- ① Local approval granted June 10, 1991 to expand landfill.
- No application was submitted to the Department at that time.
- Sanitary landfill stopped accepting waste October 1993.
- Landfill completed certified closure in May 1994.
- Application submitted to build new Subtitle D MSWLF on September 26, 1999.
- ① Tallapoosa County Commission renewed the 1991 local approval September 28, 1999.
- The Department determined that this would be a new permit.
- The Department asked for an Attorney General's opinion in August 2000, on whether local approval, when granted, continues indefinitely.
- Received response from the AG in September 2000 stating that there is no statutory limitation on the length of time of a local approval once issued.
- Draft permit placed on Public Notice from November 16, 2000 to December 20, 2000.
- Received comments from Tallapoosa & Montgomery Commissions supporting the re-opening of the landfill.
- A lawsuit was filed in December 2000, in the Circuit Court for Tallapoosa County by persons claiming to own property adjacent to the landfill alleging groundwater contamination from the closed landfill.
- In January 2001, the Department conducted preliminary environmental investigation and concluded that the source of contamination is not the closed landfill.
- The lawsuit was dropped in August 2001.
- ① Permit No. 62-11 issued on October 9, 2001.
- Minor permit modification for groundwater monitoring system submitted March 29, 2002.
- Landfill was approved to accept waste April 18, 2002.
- ② Minor permit modification issued May 31, 2002.
- ② Major Permit modification for addition of cells within the previously permitted area submitted March 18, 2003.
- Major permit modification Public Notice from June 5, 2003 to July 9, 2003.
- Public Hearing on permit modification held at the Tallassee City Hall August 26, 2003.
- ① Public Comment period ended September 2, 2003. Any public comments received?

- Final Determination on issuance of permit made and permit modification issued on October 20, 2003 for addition of new cells in the previously permitted area.
- December 4, 2003, construction and demolition waste cell certified.
- July 30, 2004, MSW Cell 2 Certified
- Minor modification for addition of sedimentation pond located in the permitted facility boundary submitted December 14, 2004.
- March 14, 2005, Department has approved the request to relocate the sedimentation pond to the south side of the landfill adjacent to the construction and demolition waste disposal area.
- A major modification application for addition of further more cells within the previously permitted area submitted August 1, 2005.
- December 6, 2005, ADEM received a copy of EPA letter signed by Ms. Karen D. Higginbotham and sent to (b) (6) about the rejection Administrative Complaint.
- November 11, 2005, ADEM completed the review of major modification application and prepared a notice of deficiency document.
- March 2006, Tallassee Waste Disposal Inc. submitted revised application for modification and requested to include the permit renewal along with major modification
- A public comment period was announced on the proposed modification and renewal from November 6, 2006 to December 14, 2006.
- One set of comments received by the Department on December 16, 2006 from (b) (6) (b) (6) commenting on the location of landfill in minority community.
- December 18, 2006, all comment received were carefully considered and appropriate response for the comments was prepared and determined that the permit application and draft permit meets the Department Regulations.
- December 18, 2006 Permit No. 62-11 was modified and re-issued for the period December 18, 2006 through December 17, 2001.
- February 7, 2007, Department received an information request from EPA regarding an Administrative Complaint.
- February 26, 2007, ADEM submitted all the requested information to Ms. Ms. Karen D. Higginbotham of EPA.